the Indian airspace by AK-26 aircraft for dropping arms and ammunition over Purulia, Government have reviewed the existing airspace security system at the airports to strengthen the system; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

The MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIGHULAM BNABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have appointed a Committee headed by Shri V.K. Jain, Special Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs to suggest measures for preventing misutilisation of the permits for chartered flights. The recommendations of the Committee, as approved by the Government, are being strictly followed.

Increased defence cooperation with USA

786. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the defence cooperation between India and the USA;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

The MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND THE DEPTT. OF DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Government are pursuing a policy of establishing and enhancing cooperation in the defence sector with various countries, including the USA. During the visit of US Defence Secretary to India in January, 1995 an 'Agreed Minute' on defence relations between India and the USA was signed. It provides for civilian-to-civilian interaction, service-to-service cooperation, and cooperation in the filed of research and development.

Disturbance by Pak on Borders

787. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan, in its desperate bid to dusrupt the process of normalisation and elections in Jammu and Kashmir, has lately hotted up the borders and Line of Control along that State, by mounting military pressure, violation of borders by way of firing across and pushing in infiltrator-militants;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents that have come to notice of Government during the last four months; and

(c) the number of militants apprehended/killed and details of weapons seized or surrendered and the militant hide-outs smashed?

The MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) AND (B) Unprovoked firing across the line of control (LC) and International Border (IB) by Pakistani troops has been a recurring phenomenon over the years. However during the last four months, there has been an appreciable escalation of firing along the IB in Jammu & Kashmir as compared to same period in 1994/95. There has also been an incident of firing of *rockets* from across the border/LOC in Poonch sector on 26.1.96. Details of firing by Pakistani troops across the border/LOC during the last four months are as under:—

Month	No. of incidents of firing along the Border/LOC
Nov. 1995	227
Dec. 1995	255
Jan. 1996	218
Feb. 1996	200

(c) During the period from 1.10.1995 to 15.2.1996, 1104 militants were apprehended and 457 were killed. During the same period 749 AK Series Rifles, 14 Sniper Rifles, 19 Machine Guns, 13 Rocket Launchers, 376 Pistols/Revolvers besides a large number of other items like Grenades, explosives, Rocket Boosters and ammunitions etc. were recovered.

Revision of pay scale of Hindi Teachers

788. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to revise the salary of Hindi teachers working in the non-Hindi speaking States under the Centrally sanctioned scheme;

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon; and

(c) the details of the revision proposed to be made and from which date?

The MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI): (a) to (c) Under the Scheme of Financial Assistance for Appointment and Training of Hindi Teachers in Non-hindi Speaking States/UTs., the Central Government provides 100% financial assistance as per the pay scales applicable in the States. Revision of salary is done by the State Governments and the Central Government only reimburses the expenditure.

Command area development programme in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka

789. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:
SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES abe pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has stressed the need to bring more areas under irrigation through effective implementation of Command Area Development Programme;

(b) if so, what was the irrigation target fixed for 1995-96 by Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka; and

(c) whether the target has been achieved, if not, he reasons therefor;

The MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) The Ministry of Water Resources has stressed the need for efficient water management in the command of irrigation projects by effective implementation of Command Area Development Prog ramme for reducing the gap between irrigation potential created and utilised.

(b) and (c) The targets fixed for creation of irrigation potential and its utilisation for 1995-96 for the States of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka are as follows:

(In Thousand hectares)

State	Target for 1995-96 (Major, Medium and Minor Irrigation)		
		Creation of irrigation potential	Utilisationof irrigation potential
Andhra Pradesh	152.42	125.32	
Karnataka	123.85	103.88	